

HANGED.

And Yet Will Purvis is Alive.—The Noose Parts and He Fell Unhurt.

Columbia, Miss., Feb. 8.—The most peculiar proceeding that ever took place at a hanging helped to make State history yesterday. Humanity for once triumphed over law.

William Purvis was the alleged assassin of Buckley of Marion County, Miss., shot from ambush last July as he was coming home from testifying at Columbia Courthouse against some whitecap peers of which Will Purvis was one of the leaders. Purvis had threatened death to Buckley should he be indicted. The brother of the dying man, with him when shot, recognized Purvis, but did not recognize a fleeing companion. The Grand jury still in session, indicted Purvis for murder before going home to supper. Bloodhounds traced Purvis home.

Purvis was to have hanged yesterday. Sheriff Magee prepared the scaffold and the rope. Four of the Board of Supervisors' best members and Methodist Minister J. G. Sibley were present. The trap fell and all listened. The dull, sickening thud was absent. The noose had broken and Purvis fell on his back on the soft ground unhurt but for a slight abrasion of the neck.

He lay still. Then a newspaper man asked him if he was hurt. From under the black cap Purvis replied: "For God sake get me out of this!"

Officers came up and Sheriff Magee made ready to conduct Purvis back to the scaffold for a second attempt.

The four supervisors called the Sheriff into the Courthouse. They advised that in the face of Purvis having so stoutly protested his innocence, and his having made a partial confession of what he had known of the Buckley murder, that all these facts be laid before the Governor, and that further proceedings be postponed.

Sheriff Magee said that he would willingly accede, but his orders were imperative. He recognized the authority of the supervisors, but they had not jurisdiction over a matter of this nature.

Purvis admitted his belonging to the whitecap organization, and the iron clad oaths each member was compelled to take and the severe punishment (by death) if the orders of the organization were not obeyed. He also gave the names of a large number of the active members, who have terrorized the county for some time past. These parties will be arrested and brought to trial. It was on the importance that would be attached to such a statement that the Supervisors argued that the sheriff would be excusable for disobeying the mandate of the supreme court that Purvis must hang.

Prominent citizens and clergymen crowded round the sheriff and he sought him not to allow a sense of duty to interfere with or blind his merciful promptings. The party again repaired to the gallows, and in a most pathetic and soul stirring address Rev. Sibley laid the above case before the populace of the immense assemblage black and white; not one dissenting voice was raised. There was lusty cheering for the miraculous interposition that had saved the life of the boy whom every one in that great gathering now believed to be guiltless.

Dr. Sibley then informed the crowd that for the action of Sheriff McGee had rendered himself liable to indictment and impeachment of office; he would therefore ask if the people would stand by him should action be taken against him!

"We will; we will, to the last dollar; he has saved the life of an innocent boy," were the answers shouted back to him.

The guards and those on the platform crowded around Purvis to embrace and congratulate him. The lad sat in stupefied amazement, as if trying to make out all that was going on. When he was finally made to realize what had been done he sobbed convulsively and said:

"I asked a merciful God to spare me, an innocent boy, and he did; may He be praised."

His cousins, who had remained in the back ground, came forward and with him wept for joy.

Sheriff McGee said he would set

out for Lumberton with the prisoner in the morning, and would there wire Governor Stone the proceeding. Thence he will take Purvis back to Meridian, Miss., place him in jail again, subject to the governor's orders. He felt confident that when the matter was placed before Governor Stone fully and properly that he would approve of the course that had been pursued.

Rather Steep.

Than take in any other form, is what many people think and Parks' Tea is made for just those folks. It cures constipation and though not a cathartic moves the bowels every day. Sold by H. L. Tucker.

Dr. Nollin Is A Fighter.

Barboursville, Ky., Feb. 7.—A desperate fight occurred at Mount Pleasant, in Harlan County, Monday night in which Will and John Turner were instantly killed by Dr. William Nollin, a prominent physician of that city. The fight began in a barber shop on court house square. Dr. Nollin walked into the shop and seeing John Turner in the shop, told him he would kill him. Both men began firing. Turner fell dead. Nollin by this time had exhausted the loads in his pistol when Will Turner, an uncle of John, arrived and attacked Nollin. Neither had pistols, but used their knives. They had struggled over considerable ground, and when Turner was killed they were in the middle of the street.

John Turner is a son of Judge George B. Turner, a prominent attorney. It was John Turner and his brothers who led the Turner side of the famous Howard Turner feud in Harlan county a few years since. Will Howard, the leader of the other side, was hanged in Missouri the 19 of last month. The trouble is thought by many to be a renewal of the old feud.

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A Good Bill.

Senator Vest's bill, to change the compensation of federal officers from fees to salaries, should pass. The incentive to make all the money possible is a strong inducement to officers to prosecute people charged with the slightest offense, often of such a character as to be beneath the notice of a great and powerful government. The bulk of cases tried in the federal courts should be given to the jurisdiction of the state courts, where the offenders could be tried by their peers and neighbors instead of being carried a long distance from their homes. Every stick of timber cut on government land costs the taxpayers hundreds of dollars in salaries and fees of officers, ruins families and the accused are often convicted on the slightest testimony. The federal government should not degrade its judiciary into police courts, remote from their homes for such trivial cases tried in the United States district courts.—Springfield Leader.

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Train Robbers Convicted.

Newport, Ark., Feb. 7.—This morning the jury in the case of Albert Mansker, one of the Oliphant train robbers who killed Conductor W. P. McNally of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern road, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. He is the third of the gang to receive such a verdict. At 2:30 p. m. Judge Butler passed sentence upon Mansker and his previously convicted accomplices, James L. Wyrick and Thomas Brady. It was that each be hanged by the neck until dead, the execution to take place April 6 in the county jail here. The three desperadoes took their sentences coolly.

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Personated An Officer.

Marshall, Mo., Feb. 7.—A man giving his name as P. S. Morrison was arrested at Malta Bend, this county, yesterday, who said he was a post office inspector. He was drunk and insulted the postmistress, Mrs. Bailey, and was arrested by the city marshal and fined \$32. In answer to a telegram the United States marshal telegraphed to hold him, as no such man is in the employ of the government. He is a fine looking man and is well dressed.

Sued For Libel.

Chillicothe, Mo., Feb. 6.—The Mail and Star, two newspapers of Chillicothe, were to-day sued for \$5,000 each by one Thomas Hoover of Linn county, growing out of the mention by the papers of Hoover's name in connection with the disappearance of \$500 from the trunk of Chapman Lighner, a wealthy farmer of Linn county, a month ago. The newspaper proprietors in question will fight the case to a finish.

National Guard.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The War department this year has reports on the militia from the adjutant general of every State in the Union. This has not occurred before, so far as is known, in the history of the government. The reports show 9,270 commissioned officers and 102,912 enlisted men in the National guard, and about 9,000,000 men in the unorganized militia.

Burglars At Clarence.

Clarence, Mo., Feb. 7.—This morning three store houses were burglarized by unknown parties. They broke into the jewelry store of E. L. Cooper, and besides taking away everything, blew open the iron vault and took all the valuable jewelry from it. They entered the drygoods and clothing house of Jacob Bros., and secured some valuable goods from it. They also entered the drug store of Wright & Davis and carried away several hundred cigars. The officers are scouring the country for the thieves, but so far, they have not been able to capture them.

Mississippi Legislature.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 7.—The two houses met in joint session to-day and elected A. J. McLaurin United States Senator to succeed Hon. E. C. Walthall. He got all the votes except eighteen of the Populists, which were cast for Frank Durnkitt. McLaurin will leave for Washington next Monday. In an interview with an afternoon paper to-day he said he opposed the appointment of Republicans to office, and would do nothing to impair the efficiency of the organized Democracy of New York. The intimation is very broad that he will vote against the confirmation of Peckham. Relative to the pension law, he said he favored repealing all private ones, and that a law should be enacted pensioning all disabled soldiers and their widows where their financial condition is such that a pension would be necessary to support them.

Smallpox Fighters.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8.—The Illinois State Board of Health was to-day notified of the existence of smallpox at Fort Madison, Keosauqua, Marion, Council Bluffs and New Hampton, Ia.; South Bend, Ind., and Juneau, Wis. The Iowa State Board of Health has passed an order compelling all citizens to be vaccinated and the Wisconsin Board a like order for all school children.

In Chicago from January 1, 1894, to date 342 cases have been reported, seventy eight being since last Tuesday, showing an increase of the pest in the Windy City.

Dr. Scott, Secretary of the Illinois Board, says the State at large is now comparatively free from smallpox, but he apprehends a general epidemic next summer.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

Mrs. Hamilton, Cambridge, Ill., says: "I had rheumatism so bad I could not raise my hand to my face. Ballard's Snow Liniment has completely cured me. I take pleasure in informing my neighbors and friends what it has done for me." Chas. Handley, clerk for Lay & Lyman, Kewanee, Ill., advises us: "Snow Liniment cured him of rheumatism. Why not try it? It will surely do you good. It cures all inflammation, wounds, sores, cuts, sprains, etc." Sold by H. L. Tucker.

Confederate Soldier's Widows.

Georgia Pays to Them Annually Pensions Amounting to \$250,000.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 2.—The State capital was to-day overrun by women from all parts of the State who were collecting the pensions allowed them as widows of Confederate soldiers who had died in battle. The State is paying out for this purpose \$250,000.

Georgia has 4073 Confederate widows within her borders, to each of whom she pays a pension of \$60 a year for the services rendered by their husbands while fighting under the stars and bars. Among the names upon this honor roll of the State are those of the widow of Gen. T. R. Cobb and the mother of Henry Grady, whose father gave up his life on the battlefields of the South. Fulton County has 175 of these widows, sixty of whom drew their money yesterday and twenty more were paid to-day. Carroll County comes next in the list with 104, and Gwynette comes third with 108. The smallest number is in Camden County, where there are only three Confederate widows. The poorer class of women were represented among those who called for their money to-day. They were widows of the country boys for the most part, who, although they had little education, knew how to fight, and they did fight well, as the records show. These poor women have very little money at best, and after toiling and pinching and slaving for a year it is indeed a red letter day to them when they get \$60 in cash. The better class of the Confederate widows, as a general thing, call later for their money, and only those who are actually in need call on the first day. Out of the 4073 widows, 420 of them drew their money yesterday, amounting to \$15,000, and 600 drew their money to-day, amounting to nearly \$36,000.

The records show that the widows are dying off at the rate of seventy-five every year. As they grow older the death rate will increase, and it is safe to say that within forty-five years there will not be a widow of a Confederate soldier in Georgia. They are rapidly passing away, as are the veterans themselves, and it will be but a short time at best before the men who took part in the greatest struggle the world ever saw will be but a memory on history's page.

Why Hart's Wife Betrayed Him.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 7.—When Bunker Hart, alias Kahn, looted the State Bank of Buckley and fled, his wife surprised her friends by furnishing information which resulted in his arrest at Baltimore. Mrs. Hart surprised her friends again by going to Baltimore to try and secure his release. Her actions are explained by the statements of the detectives who worked on the case. They say she would not furnish any information against Hart until they told her he had eloped with a pretty woman. Then she flew into a rage and told the story that landed Hart in the Baltimore Jail. When she found that the Baltimore detectives had lied she went to his aid.

A Noble Federal.

W. W. Shoulders, of Moundville, Vernon county, writes to Vice-President Doris of the Confederate Home Board and incloses \$5 for that institution. Mr. Shoulders is one of the Federal Soldiers who has room in his heart for a great deal of sympathy for the helpless veterans of the Lost Cause. He proposes to make an annual contribution of a similar amount.

Mr. Shoulders saw active service at Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga and other hard fought fields. He was a member of company K, 38th Indiana Infantry. He entered the service in 1861 and remained a soldier until 1864. He still carries the marks of rebel balls—Sedalia Bazaar.

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A Georgia Heroine.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—Miss Mary Stanser saved the life of her father, a farmer, in Walker county, recently. The latter was shot at in front of his house in the dark by a moonshiner he had testified against. Dropping to the ground, he escaped the bullets until Miss Stanser rushed out and threw herself upon her father's form. The assailant could not shoot again without killing her and finally departed.

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From Lafayette's Grave.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The society of the Daughters of the American Republic of San Francisco recently asked the French government through the French Consul at San Francisco, for a few ounces of earth from the grave of General Lafayette in which to plant a tree of liberty. The government has acceded to the request and the Minister of the Interior, M. Reynal, to-day had a box filled with earth from the grave in Hiculus cemetery. The box was sealed with the arms of the city of Paris and will be forwarded to San Francisco.

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